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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **language**, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:

 - international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 - publication of the international application (Rule 12.4)
 - international preliminary examination (Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the **elements** of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

the international application as originally filed/furnished
 the description:
 pages 1–8 _____ as originally filed/furnished
 pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
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 the claims:
 nos. _____ as originally filed/furnished
 nos.* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
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4. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

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1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1–10	YES
	Claims	_____	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1–10	YES
	Claims	_____	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1–10	YES
	Claims	_____	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

1 This report makes reference to the following documents:

D1: EP-A-1 295 835 (RIETER INGOLSTADT SPINNEREI)
26 March 2003 (2003-03-26)

D2: EP-A-0 877 108 (LUWA AG ZELLWEGER) 11
November 1998 (1998-11-11)

D3: WO 00/73189 A (LUWA AG ZELLWEGER; HOELLER
ROBERT (CH)) 7 December 2000 (2000-12-07)

2 D1 is considered to be the prior art closest to the subject matter of claim 1. D1 discloses (paragraph [0011]) a:

yarn cleaner for cleaning out defects from a yarn, a yarn parameter being measured in the measuring head of the yarn cleaner, and cleaning limits being determined for the yarn parameter; when these limits are exceeded, this signals that an error is present; the measured values of the yarn parameter are then compared with cleaning limits, and unacceptable defects are cut out of the yarn (**see preamble of claim 1**).

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Yarn cleaners according to the preamble of claim 1 are also known, for example, from **D2 and D3**.

Thus the subject matter of claim 1 differs from the known yarn cleaners in that

- the yarn cleaner is designed for cleaning out novelty yarn (1), the novelty yarn being made up of an alternating sequence of webs (14) and effects (13), the effects consisting of predetermined bulges;
- at least one value of the yarn parameter is predetermined for webs (14) and at least one value of the yarn parameter is predetermined for effects (13); a predetermined tolerance range is allocated to the value of the yarn parameter for the effect, said tolerance range having an upper cleaning limit (RG_{E0}), which is higher than the value of the yarn parameter for effects, as an upper threshold value, and having a lower cleaning limit (RG_{EU}), which is lower than the value of the yarn parameter for effects (13), as a lower threshold value; a predetermined tolerance range is allocated to the value of the yarn parameter for the web, said tolerance range having an upper cleaning limit (RG_{ST0}), which is higher than the value of the yarn parameter for webs (14), as an upper threshold value, and having a lower cleaning limit (RG_{STU}), which is lower than the value of the yarn parameter for webs, as a lower threshold value;

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- measured yarn parameter values from the web region are compared with threshold values allocated to the web parameter; and measured yarn parameter values from an effect region are compared with threshold values allocated to the effect parameter.

The subject matter of claim 1 is therefore novel (PCT Article 33(2)).

The problem to be solved by the present invention can therefore be regarded as that of designing a yarn cleaner that has a larger operative range.

The solution to this problem as proposed in claim 1 of the present application involves an inventive step for the following reasons (PCT Article 33(3)):

Although D1, figure 5, discloses two tolerance ranges which each have an upper and a lower cleaning limit, the measured yarn parameters are not compared with the one or the other tolerance range depending on region being measured in the D1 device. D1 therefore does not suggest designing a yarn cleaner for novelty yarn in such a way that measured values are evaluated differently depending on whether the respective value was measured in a web region or in an effect region.

Evaluating measured values differently in this manner is also neither disclosed by nor obvious

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from D2 and D3.

3 Claims 2 to 10 are dependent on claim 1 and therefore also meet the PCT requirements for novelty and inventive step.